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1. claims: 1-22, 72

a first and a second connector housing of a connector assembly for connecting an earpiece to a glasses temple are connected via magnetic contact members which allow an electrical current to flow between them.

Object: allow for a disconnectable mechanical connection between earpiece and glasses temple which also provides for a reliable electrical connection (see also description p. 1, l. 32 - p. 2, l. 14 and p. 10, l. 25-32).

2. claim: 23

a speaker is resiliently connected to a connector housing via two resilient sleeves.

Object: reduce mechanical feedback (see also description p. 16, l. 1-15).

3. claims: 24-47

a cradle set having a transformer to charge the batteries of the hearing-aid glasses, which cradle set is adapted to receive a temple of the hearing-aid glasses.

Object: make the charging process of hearing-aid glasses having rechargeable batteries easier (see also description p. 3, l. 1-5).

4. claims: 48-60

the glasses temple comprises a metal plate.

Object: to protect the electric components of the hearing-aid glasses (see also description p. 4, l. 4-12).

5. claims: 61-65

update of the programming of hearing-aid glasses via telecommunication devices.

Object: allow to spread available updates of hearing-aid programs in an easy way (see also description p. 4, l. 14-18).

6. claims: 66-71

derivation of commands in a hearing aid with a rechargeable battery from a charging voltage.

Object: provide for an easy means to restart a rechargeable hearing aid (see also description p. 30, l. 10-20).

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